

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS  
MINUTES  
June 15, 2012

The Board of Ethics met on June 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the LaBelle Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the LaSalle Building located at 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with Board Members Duffin, Ingrassia, LaFleur, Leggio, Monroe, Schneider and Stafford present. Absent were Board Members Backhaus, Blewer, Lemke and McAnelly. Also present were the Ethics Administrator, Kathleen Allen; the Executive Secretary, Deborah Grier; and Counsel Tracy Barker, Aneatra Boykin, Mike Dupree, Brent Durham and Deidra Godfrey.

Mr. Rykert Toledano, attorney for Eddie Price, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 12-708 in connection with a request submitted by Eddie Price for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed for filing his 2008 Tier 2 annual personal financial disclosure statement 601 days late. After hearing from Mr. Toledano, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$2,500 late fee.

Mr. Gray Sexton and Ms. Alesia Ardoin, attorneys for Sheriff Royce Toney, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in connection with a request in Docket 12-388 for a declaratory opinion regarding whether Ouachita Parish Sheriff Royce Toney may use his campaign funds to pay legal fees that he incurred in connection with the defense of charges contained in a federal indictment.

Board Member Lemke arrived at the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

After hearing from Mr. Sexton and Ms. Ardoin, on motion made, seconded and passed by a vote of 5 yeas by Board Members Ingrassia, Leggio, Monroe, Schneider and Stafford, 2 nays by

Board Members Duffin and LaFleur and 1 abstention by Board Member Lemke, the Board concluded that Section 1505.2I of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act prohibits Sheriff Toney from using his campaign funds to pay legal fees incurred during his defense of charges against him in a federal indictment. The Board instructed the staff to draft the declaratory opinion to be included on the Board's July agenda for adoption and publication.

The Board recessed at 11:11 a.m. and resumed back into general business session at 11:18 a.m.

Ms. LaToya Cantrell, a candidate for Orleans Parish School Board in the September 18, 2004 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 06-069 in connection with an Order ordering the payment of late fees totaling \$8,600 assessed against her for failure to timely file required campaign finance disclosure reports. After hearing from Ms. Cantrell, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$8,600 but suspended \$7,600 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 11-1589 for reconsideration of a waiver request of the \$1,400 late fee assessed against LA Propane Gas Association PAC, a political committee whose 30-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the waiver request.

Mr. Vincent Alexander, a candidate for State Representative, District 96 in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 11-1924 in connection with a request for reconsideration of a

waiver request of the \$1,380 and \$360 campaign finance late fees assessed against him for filing the 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports 23 and 6 days late. After hearing from Mr. Alexander, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,380 late fee assessed for the late filing of the 30-P report and declined to waive the \$360 late fee assessed for the late filing of the 10-P report but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-434 for a waiver of the \$480 campaign finance late fee assessed against Zaine "The Queen" Kasem, a candidate for State Senate, District 2 in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 8 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$480 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-541 for a waiver of the \$1,260 and \$60 campaign finance late fees assessed against Herman Ray Love, a candidate for Sabine Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing the 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports 21 and 1 day(s) late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,260 late fee for the late filing of the 30-P report and declined to waive the \$60 late fee for the late filing of the 10-P report.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-736 for a waiver of the \$1,000 and \$400 campaign finance

late fees assessed against Ernest A. Burguieres, III, a candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council in the March 24, 2012 election, for filing the 30-P and 10-P campaign finance disclosure reports 33 and 13 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,000 and \$400 late fees for the late filing of the 30-P and 10-P reports.

Mr. Curtis "Curt" Hodge, a candidate for Washington Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 12-737 in connection with a request for a waiver of the \$900 and \$1,260 campaign finance late fees assessed against him for filing the 10-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 15 and 21 days late. After hearing from Mr. Hodge, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$2,160 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Chairman Monroe vacated the Chair. Vice Chairman Schneider assumed the Chair.

Mr. Dale Bayard, a candidate for BESE, District 7 in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 12-760 in connection with a request for a waiver of the \$900 campaign finance late fee assessed against him for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 9 days late. After hearing from Mr. Bayard, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$900 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Chairman Monroe resumed the Chair.

Mr. Hillery G. Johnson, a candidate for State Representative, District 63 in the October 22,

2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 12-763 in connection with a request for a waiver of the \$600 and \$600 campaign finance late fees assessed against him for filing the EDE-P and 10-G campaign finance disclosure reports 31 and 23 days late. After hearing from Mr. Johnson, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$1,200 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-856 for a waiver of the \$240 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brandon T. Mellieon, a candidate for Iberville Parish Council, District 7 in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing the EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended \$140 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

Mr. Demetrius Sumner, a former student at Southern University and former student member of the Southern University Board of Supervisors, appeared before the Board in Docket No. 12-1042 in connection with a request for an advisory opinion regarding whether he may accept the position of Special Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. After hearing from Mr. Sumner, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board concluded that, based on the particular facts provided, including the fact that Mr. Sumner was the student representative on the Southern University Board of Supervisors, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mr. Sumner's employment as Special Assistant to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

Mr. Delos Blackwell, a candidate for Livingston Parish Council in the October 22, 2011 election, appeared before the Board, in its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, in Docket No. 12-742 in connection with a request for a waiver of the \$640 and \$40 campaign finance late fees assessed against him for filing the Special and EDE-P campaign finance disclosure reports 16 and 1 day(s) late. After hearing from Mr. Blackwell, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fees totaling \$680.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the following general consent agenda items agreeing to take action on items G12-G23 en globo. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations on items G12-G23 taking the following action:

Adopted for publication, consent opinions in Docket No. 07-456 in which (1) U.S. 65 South Partnership, a company in which Ted Higginbotham owned a controlling interest, agrees that a violation of Section 1113A of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by the company entering into transactions with the Town of Waterproof when Ted Higginbotham's brother, Bobby Higginbotham, was serving as Mayor for the Town of Waterproof and in which no fine is imposed against U.S. 65 South Partnership due to former Mayor Bobby Higginbotham being sentenced to five years at hard labor for malfeasance in office, two years concurrent for two counts of theft from the Town of Waterproof and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$60,000 to the Town of Waterproof; and, (2) Bobby Higginbotham, former Mayor of the Town of Waterproof, agrees that a violation of Section 1112B of the Code of Governmental Ethics occurred by his participation in transactions involving the Town of Waterproof and U.S. 65 South Partnership in which his brother, Ted Higginbotham, had a substantial economic interest and in which no fine is imposed against Mr.

Higginbotham due to his being sentenced to five years at hard labor for malfeasance in office, two years concurrent for two counts of theft from the Town of Waterproof and being ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$60,000 to the Town of Waterproof.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-462 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Village Council of Turkey Creek amending its Occupational License Tax, since it has not been indicated that any council member has a substantial economic interest in such amendment.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-584 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Friends of the Cabildo and the Louisiana State Museum Foundation donating funds to the Louisiana State Museum to supplement the salary of the director of the Louisiana State Museum, as long as the unconditional donations are made to the Louisiana State Museum and not to the new director individually.

Declined to render an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-657 regarding whether members of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board (LSPMB) may participate in the LSPMB trade show booth, since the trade show had already occurred. The Board further advised that the LSPMB should request another opinion in the future should it seek participation in other trade shows.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-660 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Mark Duhon, the brother of a former St. Mary Parish Councilman Gary Duhon, providing services for the St. Mary Parish Council through his company, Mark Duhon Enterprises, since Gary Duhon is no longer a member of the St. Mary Parish Council.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-669 concluding that no violation of the Code

of Governmental Ethics is presented by Samuel D'Aquilla, East Feliciana Parish District Attorney, renting property to Representative Kenny Havard, since the transaction is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the District Attorney's office.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-676 concluding that Section 1111C(2)(d) of the Code of Governmental Ethics prohibits Port Sulphur Ace Hardware from continuing to sell items to the LeMoine Group and its subcontractors at a time it is constructing the new Plaquemines Medical Facility for the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District #1 Board and while Connie Lincoln, the owner of Port Sulphur Ace Hardware, serves as a member of the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District #1 Board.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-680 concluding that, pursuant to the exception contained in Section 1123(30) of the Code of Governmental Ethics, no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Bossier Parish Library Board leasing property at no charge from the mother of a member of the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-681 concluding that members of the West Baton Rouge Parish Transportation Authority Board of Directors are not required to file an annual personal financial disclosure statement, since the West Baton Rouge Transportation Authority is a nonprofit not specifically created by law and a board that was created by a single parish governing authority with a population less than 200,000.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-686 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by Francis Heitmeier providing compensated services to United Professional Company, LLC (UPC) at a time when his brother serves as a member of the Louisiana Legislature and UPC helps its client pass legislation before the legislature, since Mr. Heitmeier is

not entering into any transactions, nor is in any way interested in any transactions involving the legislature by virtue of his employment with UPC; nor does he own a any interest in UPC. The Board further advised that Mr. Heitmeier will be required to file a disclosure statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1114B if UPC becomes in any way financially interested (for example through a contingency fee contract) in legislation be pushed through the legislature.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-703 concluding that members of the Louisiana City Marshals and City Constables Association are not required to file Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statements, since the Louisiana City Marshals and City Constables Association was not created by law or by any other parish or political subdivision.

Adopted an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-711 concluding that no violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics is presented by the Bogalusa City Council voting to approve a bid submitted by the significant other of the Mayor of Bogalusa. The Board further advised that the Bogalusa City Council does not have standing to submit a request regarding the significant other of the Mayor of Bogalusa. As such, the Board declined to address questions regarding the significant other and whether the significant other may submit bids for property owned by the City of Bogalusa.

The Board unanimously resolved into executive session to consider complaints and reports deemed confidential pursuant to Section 1141 of the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

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The Board unanimously resolved into general session and considered the following general business agenda items:

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 17-18, 2012 meetings.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board approved the minutes of the May 17-18, 2012 meetings.

The Board reviewed the Attorney General Opinion in Docket No. 11-1086 regarding the Board of Ethics' authority to enter into consent opinions.

The Board reconsidered a request in Docket No. 12-028 for a waiver of the \$1,300 late fee assessed against Tommy Nelson for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 26 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,300 late fee but suspended \$800 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 12-079 for a waiver of the \$840 late fee assessed against Chad A. Clark, a candidate for St. Bernard Parish Sheriff in the October 22, 2011 election, for filing his 10-G campaign finance disclosure report 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to reconsider the waiver request.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 12-136 for a waiver of the \$2,500 late fee assessed against Jan Scott Richard for filing his amended 2009 Tier 2 candidate personal financial disclosure statement 183 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee based on the waiver guidelines and declined to establish a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-149 regarding

whether Kira-Orange Jones may continue to be the Executive Director for Teach for America-Greater New Orleans while she serves as a member of the BESE Board. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the July meeting to allow for an appearance to be made.

The Board considered a request for reconsideration in Docket No. 12-404 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Rodney Bedgood for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 110 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the late fee but agreed to offer Mr. Bedgood a payment plan.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-571 regarding whether Bryan Melancon, a member of the Ascension Parish Council, may accept an Ipad that he won at a seminar that he attended. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred that matter to the July meeting in order to obtain additional information.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to take action on the Campaign Finance Waiver Requests in Item #G32 en globo subject to any items being removed from the en globo listing for further discussion. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board adopted the staff recommendations the Campaign Finance Waiver Requests in Item #G32 excluding Docket Nos. 12-719 and 12-751 taking the following action:

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following candidates:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-550 from Ronnie L. Traylor of a \$720 late fee, a \$60 late fee and a \$600 late fee;

Docket No. 12-720 from Theresa Ellender of a \$360 late fee;

Docket No. 12-722 from Barry Elkins of a \$720 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-724 from Gary C. Landrieu of a \$300 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-725 from Euris A. Dubois of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-728 from Lee Posey of a \$360 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-730 from Robert Amacker, Jr. of a \$400 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-733 from Shelton Dartez of a \$280 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-738 from Ray Lauga, Jr. of a \$320 late fee and a \$40 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-739 from Diana Dysart of a \$280 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-743 from Marvin Blake, Jr. of a \$320 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-745 from Michael E. Robertson of a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-746 from Mike Darnell of a \$600 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-748 from O'Neal Bosley of a \$780 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-750 from Craig J. Johnston of a \$500 late fee, a \$480 late fee; and  
a \$120 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-753 from Louis M. Ackal of a \$2,000 late fee and a \$1,000 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-757 from Michael Ragusa of a \$160 late fee and a \$480 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-758 from Jason Crockett of a \$280 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-761 from Birdex Copeland of a \$240 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 12-762 from Allen Guillory of a \$420 late fee.

The Board unanimously rescinded the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-380 from Eugene Green of a \$700 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-723 from Gary C. Landrieu of an \$800 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-747 from Charmaine Marchand of a \$600 late fee and  
a \$1,680 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 12-759 from J. Chandler Loupe of a \$1,980 late fee.

Board Member Schneider recused himself from Docket No. 12-380.

Board Member LaFleur recused herself from Docket No. 12-747.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-726 for a waiver of the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Richard E. Edwards, Jr., whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 12 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-729 for a waiver of the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lynda G. Banta, a candidate for Plaquemines Parish Council, District 8 in the September 30, 2006 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended \$180 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-731 for a waiver of the \$280 campaign finance late fee assessed against Melinda H. Bernard, a candidate for St. Charles Parish School Board in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$280 late fee but suspended \$180 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-732 for a waiver of the \$240 late fee assessed against Marvin Dearman, a candidate for Alderman for the City of West Monroe in the March 24, 2012 election, whose EDE-P campaign finance disclosure report was filed 6 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$240 late fee but suspended \$140 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-734 for a waiver of the \$800 campaign finance late fee assessed against Paul J. Carmouche, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 8

days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$800 late fee but suspended \$700 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-740 for a waiver of the \$1,920 campaign finance late fee assessed against Tiffany L. Foxworth, a candidate for State Representative, District 101 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 40-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 32 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,920 late fee but suspended \$1,820 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Board Member LaFleur recused herself.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-741 for a waiver of the \$420 campaign finance late fee assessed against Michael L. Jackson, a candidate for State Senate, District 14 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 7 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$420 late fee but suspended \$320 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act. Board Member LaFleur recused herself.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-744 for a waiver of the \$600 campaign finance late fee assessed against Laura O'Halloran, a candidate for State Representative, District 81 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 15 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$600 late fee

but suspended \$500 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-749 for a waiver of the \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ernest Baylor, Jr., a candidate for State Representative, District 3 in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended \$200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-752 for a waiver of the \$360 campaign finance late fee assessed against Brett K. Duncan, a candidate for Tangipahoa School Board, District E in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$360 late fee but suspended \$260 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-755 for a waiver of the \$540 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ricky L. Moses, a candidate for Beauregard Parish Sheriff, District 10 in the October 20, 2007 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 9 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$540 late fee but suspended \$340 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board

considered a request in Docket No. 12-756 for a waiver of the \$960 campaign finance late fee assessed against Ronnie Hughes, a candidate for Ascension Parish President in the October 4, 2003 election, whose Annual campaign finance disclosure report was filed 16 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$960 late fee but suspended \$860 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-719 for a waiver of the \$100 campaign finance late fee assessed against Lee P. Barrios, a candidate for BESE, District 1, in the October 22, 2011 election, whose 10-G campaign finance disclosure report was filed 1 day late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$100 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

In its capacity as the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, the Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-751 for a waiver of the \$300 campaign finance late fee assessed against Victoria Goldstein, a candidate for Jefferson Parish School Board, District 1 in the October 2, 2010 election, whose Supplemental campaign finance disclosure report was filed 5 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$300 late fee but suspended \$200 conditioned upon future compliance with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals in connection with the failure to timely file lobbying expenditure reports:

The Board unanimously waived the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-946 from Charles McMains of a \$1,500 late fee and a \$250 late fee;

Docket No. 12-947 from Wanda Freedman of a \$1,500 late fee and a \$250 late fee; and, Docket No. 12-948 from Kimberly Robinson of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-949 for a waiver of the \$500 late fee assessed against Richard Jenkins for failure to timely a lobbyist expenditure report. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$500 but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Lobbyist Disclosure Act.

The Board considered requests for “good cause” waivers of late fees assessed against the following individuals in connection with the failure to timely file personal financial disclosure reports:

The Board unanimously declined to waive the late fees assessed against the following:

Docket No. 12-1824 from Brent Callais of a \$2,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-137 from Troy Cloutier of a \$1,500 late fee;  
Docket No. 12-426 from Arnold Smith of a \$1,500 late fee; and,  
Docket No. 12-1503 from Thomas Atkinson, Jr. of a \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-161 for a waiver of the \$1,100 late fee assessed Heidi Ann Naquin for filing her 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 22 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board rescinded the \$1,100 late fee based on Ms. Naquin’s medical condition.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-499 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed Vincent Borello, Jr. for filing his amended 2009 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 42 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board waived the \$1,500 late fee.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-524 for a waiver of the \$1,500 late fee assessed against Garnell Young for filing his 2009 Tier 3 candidate personal financial disclosure

statement 460 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended the entire late fee conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-525 for a waiver of the \$700 late fee assessed against Jeffery Rose for filing his 2010 Tier 3 annual personal financial disclosure statement 14 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,500 late fee but suspended \$400 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics and instructed the staff to establish a payment plan for Mr. Rose.

The Board considered a request in Docket No. 12-528 for a waiver of the \$1,450 late fee assessed against Louis Thomas, Jr. for filing his 2010 Tier 2.1 annual personal financial disclosure statement 29 days late. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board declined to waive the \$1,450 late fee but suspended \$950 conditioned upon future compliance with the Code of Governmental Ethics.

The Board unanimously agreed to consider the following supplemental agenda items:

Accepted for filing, the disclosure statements filed in Docket No. 12-950 for May, 2012.

The Board considered a request for an advisory opinion in Docket No. 12-1043 regarding whether the father of Brett Stassi, Sheriff-elect for Iberville Parish, can continue to write bail bonds for persons arrested by the Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office. On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board deferred the matter to the July meeting.

Ms. Allen provided an overview of legislation passed during the 2012 Regular Legislative Session affecting the laws administered by the Board of Ethics. Following discussion, on motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board instructed Ms. Allen to send a letter to the

Governor reiterating the Board's position on House Bill 1210 and agreed to take no position on Senate Bill 226.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Board dismissed the charges in Docket No. 09-860 filed against Martha Andrus, former Mayor of the City of Grambling.

Ms. Allen announced that the Campaign Finance Committee would meet in August.

The Board unanimously adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Secretary

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Chairman